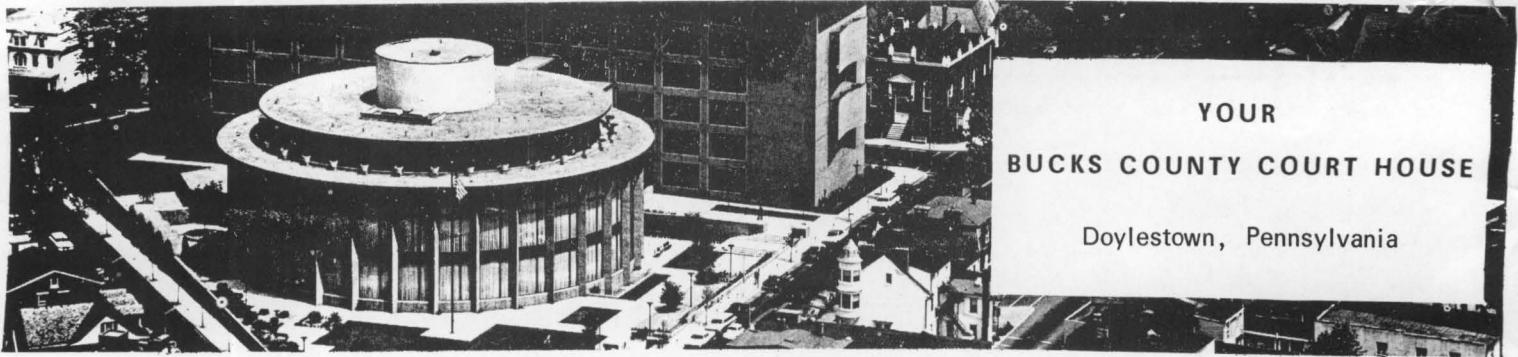


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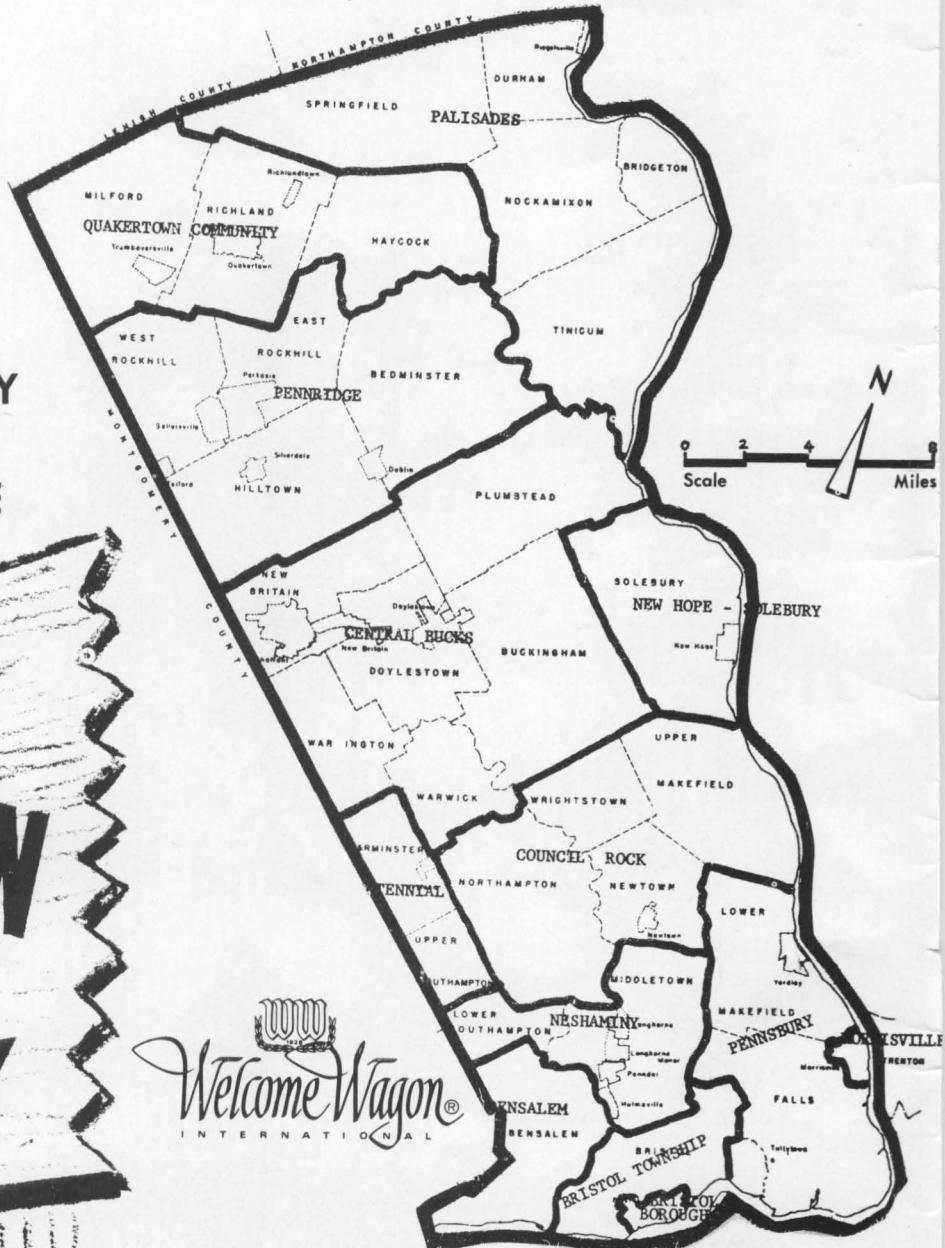


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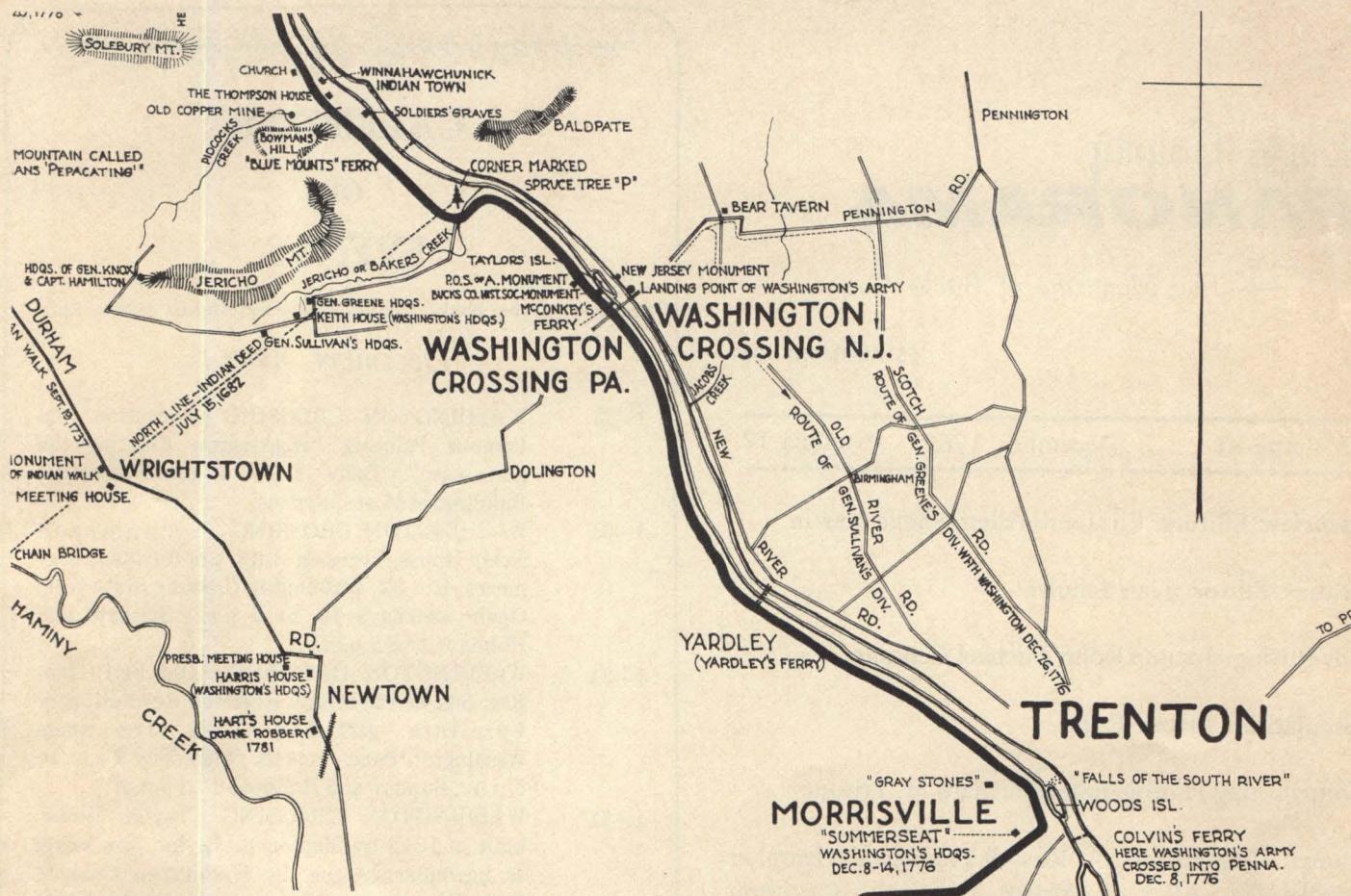
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December, 1969

1 - 31	WASHINGTON CROSSING — Narration and Famous Painting "Washington Crossing the Delaware", Daily 9 to 5 p.m. Memorial Building, at 1/2 hr. intervals.
1 - 31	WASHINGTON CROSSING — Thompson Neely House furnished with pre-Revolutionary pieces, Rte 32, Washington Crossing State Park. Open weekdays 10 to 5 p.m., Sundays and Holidays 1 to 5 p.m.
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1 - 31	DOYLESTOWN — Mercer Museum, Pine and Ashland Streets. Hours: Tues. thru Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Close Monday. Library of the Society — Tues. thru Fri. 10 to 5 p.m. Closed Wed. 1 to 2 p.m. Admission: Adults \$1.00, Children under 12, 50 cents. Groups by appointment (special rates).
1 - 31	BRISTOL — "The Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Museum" 610 Radcliffe St., Victorian Décor. Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Other times by appointment.
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Courtesy of Washington Crossing Park Commission

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

by H. Winthrop Blackburn

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country: but he that stands it now, deserves the loves and thanks of man and woman."

These words from the *American Crisis* by Tom Paine were written in Bucks County in December 1776 when Paine was serving as a volunteer aide-de-camp to General Nathanael Greene. These few words succinctly describe the State of the Union after six short, painful months of independence.

The times were trying to men's souls. Washington's defeat by General William Howe at Long Island, the first major battle of the war, had been followed in short order by a defeat at White Plains, a major defeat at the hands of the Hessian mercenaries at Fort

Washington, and the forced evacuation of Fort Lee. The remains of the Continental Army were in full retreat across New Jersey. Washington had hoped that in his retreat he would be joined by large numbers of militia and would be able to make a stand at New Brunswick. Instead of increasing in size, however, the Army daily became smaller as the summer soldiers left the ranks on the day that their terms of enlistment expired, and the sunshine patriots of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania militia, who gloried in their military titles and were patriotic muster day soldiers, never materialized in significant numbers. No wonder Paine's words were grave! The cause that had stirred the heart in April 1775, and had forced a break with the mother country in July 1776, seemed lost. The sun of America's independence appeared to be setting.

Washington began his retreat from the New York area in late November. To preserve their fighting effectiveness the troops left behind blankets, tools, rations, and tents and carried the maximum amount of arms and ammunition. The retreat across New Jersey was slow. Fortunately, the pursuer was General Lord Charles Cornwallis, who, like Howe, was a Whig Member of Parliament, opposed to the war against the colonies, and hoping for a peaceful settlement of the dispute. If Cornwallis had pressed his advantage the war would have been lost at New Brunswick, but, much to the consternation of the local Loyalists, Cornwallis stayed just far enough behind Washington to avoid a confrontation. As word of the retreat spread across the state, the upper Delaware and Lehigh Rivers were scoured for boats to carry the retreating army across the Delaware to Pennsylvania. Boats of every sort from tiny prams to the forty-foot-long Durham boats, the ubiquitous freight carriers of the Delaware, were assembled at Trenton. The evacuation of New Jersey was completed shortly after midnight on the ninth of December, and not a minute too soon. The first of Cornwallis' army entered Trenton just as the last boat load of troops arrived in Pennsylvania. Cornwallis was prevented from further pursuit by the lack of boats. The thought that he could have gathered wood and built boats, however, apparently never crossed his Whig mind.

Fearing British pursuit, Congress fled Philadelphia for the safety of Baltimore. Washington, too, feared pursuit. He knew that the British could not cross the river by boat, but if the river froze, the British could cross the river easily and take Philadelphia. Washington needed a victory and he needed it badly. Victory was needed to forestall the capture of Philadelphia, to encourage reenlistments, and, most importantly, to preserve the cause of freedom. From his first headquarters, "Summerseat," the home of Thomas Barclay in Morrisville, Washington wrote to a friend, "No man I believe ever had greater choice of difficulties and less means to extricate himself from them."

After crossing, the troops were dispersed along the west bank of the river from Morrisville north to Coryell's Ferry, now New Hope. On December 14th Washington moved from "Summerseat" to the house of Robert Keith on Brownsburg Road, south of Jericho Mountain, about two and a half miles from the river. His generals were quartered in other farm houses in the area. The meager supplies were stored in Newtown and the precious boats were hidden in thick woods in the mouth of Knowles Creek and behind

Malta Island, just south of Coryell's Ferry. (Malta Island no longer exists; what was Malta Island is now the site of the paper mill on River Road just south of New Hope.) While the campsite was far from being comfortable, and the Loyalist sentiment among Bucks County farmers made food difficult to obtain, its strategic location was excellent. Jericho Mountain and Bowman's Hill provided an excellent command of the river, and the area offered complete, if only temporary, isolation from the enemy. The arrival of a large number of Pennsylvania militia enlarged the force to a total of about 6,000 poorly clothed, freezing, half starved men; most of whom were eagerly awaiting the beginning of the New Year when they could return to their homes.

Washington did not know that his worst fear, a crossing of the frozen river by the British, would never be realized. Howe, being a typical European general and a not very eager one at that, did not believe in winter campaigns and had no intention of further pursuit until spring. With a total force in excess of 30,000 men in the New York area, he set up a line of defensive positions across New Jersey. At Bordentown Colonel Count Carl von Donop served as area commander of the posts along the river and led a force of 3,000 of the hated mercenaries. The post of honor, Trenton, was given to Colonel Johann Gottlieb Rall, the victor at Fort Washington, in recognition of his distinguished services. Rall's force was composed of about 1,900 Hessians.

Rall, like his supreme commander Howe, was not a winter fighter. He believed that the only proper pursuit for a soldier in winter quarters was that of wine, women, and song, and he and his troops, billeted in residences and public buildings in Trenton, were prepared for a relaxing winter. While maintaining pickets along the roads, Rall, despite orders from von Donop, did not erect redoubts around the edge of the village. Having already defeated the "country clowns" at Fort Washington, Rall did not see how they could possibly offer any threat to his security. Washington, while ignorant of Howe's grand strategy, was fortunately kept informed of day to day happenings in Trenton by an able spy, John Honeyman. One day Honeyman brought Washington the news that the Hessians were planning a gala Christmas celebration that could best be described as a frolic in the wine cellars.

Washington knew from the moment he arrived in Pennsylvania that the only possibility of obtaining the victory that he so sorely needed lay in an attack on Trenton. He also knew that he must have the

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Interior of a Polish farmhouse. Table set for Wigilia.

LET'S ENJOY A POLISH CHRISTMAS

Christmas for those Polish-Americans who still proudly retain much of the richness of their ethnic culture starts shortly after Thanksgiving Day. This is a four week period of religious observance and activity prior to Christmas Day. But even during this solemn period of devotion, American housewives of Polish origin and descent are busily preparing the traditional goodies that they learned to make from their mothers and grandmothers. The feast is called "Wigilia," Vigil Supper, and it commemorates the joyous occasion of the birth of the God Child.

"The Wigilia and the festive part of Christmas for a Polish Family," said Fr. Michael, founder-director of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, "starts only when the first Eastern Star appears in the sky on Christmas Eve. I recall how my brothers and sisters and I would eagerly start looking for that first star as the sky began to darken, and the happy cheers that would ring out when it came into sight."

This Christmas Eve, as he has on the free soil of America for the past 18 years, Fr. Michael will say a silent prayer when the first Eastern Star appears, knowing that behind the Iron Curtain in Poland, his family will be doing the same.

Fr. Michael's family, like millions of other families in Poland, will gather around the "Wigilia" table which has been made ready for the occasion by placing a thin layer of hay, in honor of the birth of the God Child, under the white table cloth. Standing, they will participate in the ancient tradition of the breaking of Oplatek.

Oplatek is a thin unleavened wafer much like the altar bread or communion wafer used in church. It is stamped with the figures of the God Child and Our Lady of Czestochowa, and it is known as the "bread of love."

Before sitting down to their Wigilia Supper, the family breaks the traditional wafer with each other

and as they put it to their lips they wish each other good health and good fortune for the coming year.

Fr. Michael mentioned that this honored custom, neglected or forgotten by most American families of Polish descent in the past, is regaining new interest and popularity in this country.

The courses to be served at the Wigilia feast are fixed at either seven, nine, eleven or thirteen, and in no case must an even number of people be seated at the table, otherwise, according to Polish belief, some of the feasters would not live to see another Christmas. An extra place and extra chair is always set at the Wigilia table, and a lighted candle placed in the window. Both symbolize the hope that the God Child, in the form of a stranger may come to share the Wigilia Supper with them. From this ancient belief, comes the Polish custom of honoring and protecting any guest or stranger who comes into their home.

Any guest, regardless of his position in life, is treated royally in any Polish home at any time of the year. A Wigilia Supper is not only an unforgettable social experience but a delicious taste experience as well.

The Wigilia meal will include fish prepared in a variety of ways. There will be noodles mixed with ground poppy-seed and honey; Kasha-grits, groats, and pearl barley; peas, pierogi (a ravioli type noodle only larger) made of mushrooms or sauerkraut; poppy seed cakes, pastry as well as all kinds of fruit and a variety of beverages.

If you expect to stay healthy throughout the next year, custom requires that you taste each of the courses.

You must be in good voice too. The Wigilia Supper usually begins with beet soup, everyone rises and sings a "Kolendy" a Polish Christmas Carol — and before everyone sits down to the next course, all the verses of the carol must be sung. This goes on after each course, and in many homes continues until it is time to attend "Pasterka" — the Midnight Mass.

In most homes, however, the Wigilia Supper is served quickly and the carols sung are kept brief, so that the children can enjoy the lighting of the Christmas tree. Christmas trees are just as popular in Poland as they are in America.

In the houses in Polish cities, the Christmas trees, as in America, are placed on the floor or on a table. In Polish farm houses they are hung from the ceiling. The trees are covered with lights and decorated with apples, nuts, candies and many small toys made out of blown eggs, colored paper and straw.

Since St. Nicholas distributes gifts to the people in

Poland on December 6th, the children believe that the little gifts they receive on Christmas Eve were put there by angels. Christmas Carols are sung as the gifts are opened and the singing and merriment continues until it is time for Church and the Midnight Mass.

There are hundreds of Polish Christmas Carols. Most of these Kolendy are deeply rooted in the folklore of the country. One of the most popular is "Kolenda Goralska" — the Mountaineer's Carol. This carol reaches into the basic life of the Polish mountain peoples. The melody of the carol resembles a Gregorian Chant.

The caroler in song offers the God Child two choices: either return to heaven or let the caroler take the God Child to his hut with him, where He will have it as good as He had it in Heaven with the addition of a cup of sweet milk.

This and other Polish Christmas Carols will be played on the Carillon in the 210 foot high bell tower of the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania during the Christmas Season.

Here are recipes which can be used to make up your menu for the Wigilia Supper:

EASY BARSZCZ

12 medium beets	1 medium onion sliced
1 qt. water	Juice of 1 lemon
1 tbsp. sugar	2 cups bouillon salt and pepper

Wash and peel beets. Cook beets and onion in water until beets are tender. Add juice of lemon, sugar, salt and pepper. Let stand overnight. Strain. Add bouillon (made by using 2 bouillon cubes and 2 cups of hot water). Chill thoroughly and serve in cocktail glasses.

POPPY SEED COFFEE CAKE

1 yeast cake	½ tsp. salt
1 tbsp. warm water	1 egg yolks
½ cup scalded milk	2 cups flour
1 tbsp. butter	¼ tsp. ground cardomon
	¼ cup sugar

Cream butter with sugar. Add salt to egg yolks and beat until thick. Scald milk and cool to lukewarm. Add beaten egg yolks to butter and sugar mixture. Add yeast dissolved in 1 tbsp. of warm water. Add flavoring and mix thoroughly. Add flour alternately with the milk and knead with hand until fingers are free of dough. Let rise for about 2 hours or until double in bulk. Punch down and let rise again for one hour. Place dough on floured board and roll to one half inch thickness into rectangular shape. Spread (continued on page 29)

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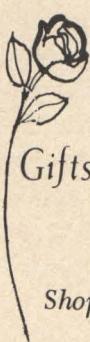
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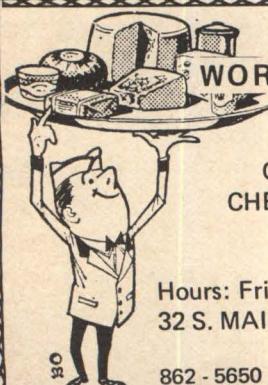
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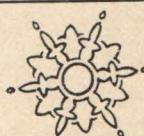
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AUTUMN



WELDER TURNED ARTIST

by *Lillian Wiley*

George Wiley's welding shop on Cherry Lane in Doylestown looks like a small red barn, but appearances can be misleading. It provides the background for many lovely and interesting objects of art. People come to George Wiley with ideas to be worked out in iron or with a rare old hinge to be duplicated or repaired. More than a welding shop, it's a place where the ring of the anvil is music and the hiss of the torch a challenge to the artist. The same torch is used for a troublesome trailer job or the creation of the most delicate rose.

When asked to oblige a whim or need of a customer, George's answer is always the same, "I'll do my best, but if you aren't satisfied when I'm finished, you're not obligated to take it." Most of his work never reaches his little show room, but is picked up as soon as it is done.

Iron, while not nearly as malleable as other metals, is George's medium. There are not too many old-time blacksmiths in the Bucks County area today, and he is proud to fashion a reproduction of an earlier smithy's craft at his forge, but his real pleasure is

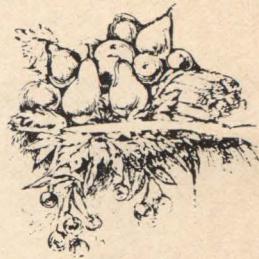
creating works of art with his welding torch.

His first attempt at welded sculpture was the crude figure of a man, which after some constructive comments and a few additions, bore a resemblance to "Honest Abe." This piece holds a respected place as a "first" in his studio. Most of his sculptured works are animals. Since George is an ardent hunter, his first piece was a deer. Two of his figures, a Texas longhorn bull and a buffalo, have won him awards in various shows.

His early years of helping in his father's slaughter house have given him the necessary knowledge of bone structure and muscles that make George's animals so life-like. The butcher wagon of Harry C. Wiley (Choice Meats) was a familiar sight in the Warrington area, and young George, the eldest boy, often went along on the meat route, and helped bring in animals for slaughtering.

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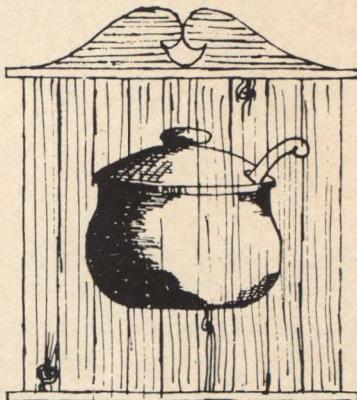
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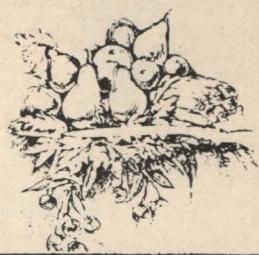
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WINTER OF 1925

SEVENTEEN Bucks County banks paid out a total of \$688,500 in Christmas Savings Club deposits, but this year the county banks paid out over \$1,500,000. . . Doylestown Rotary sponsored an harmonica band for the young folks of central Bucks, with Philadelphia's Al Hoxie as the leader. . . Saturday night activity at Jim Kling's Barron's Hall at Carversville featured dancing with music by Fitzgerald and his String Orchestra, at \$1.00 a couple. . . Lansdale High defeated Doylestown High's gridiron team, 13 to 0 on McKinstry Field (Doylestown) with B. Hennessy, Pearce, Hellerman, Carter, Hoffman, Kates, Polk, W. Smith, Bestler, McEntee and Hohlfelder in the D-Town lineup and Freed, Shull, Ziegler, Hostelly, Kuhns, Barndt, Harr, Held, Cuthbert, Wieand and Roth in the Lansdale lineup. . . Lansdale was coached by the late Joseph K. (Dobie) Weaver, a newspaper buddy of mine for years.

ANTI-VOLSTEAD: State Police headed by Corporal Hans and Troopers Gardner and Green, made the headlines with a raid on a Warrington Township farm two miles from Neshaminy where they seized a 900-gallon capacity whiskey-making plant including 110 barrels each containing 50 gallons of mash, 100 gallons of whiskey and arrested four operators. It was the largest plant seized since the passage of the unpopular Volstead Act. Arrested in

the raid was a notorious character described as "The Gentleman Bandit" — Nicholas Filipow, 46, whose 153-acre farm was on Street Road. Six months before the raid Filipow was arrested and charged with the theft of \$10,000 from an Illinois storekeeper, and some years before that he was charged with murder in St. Louis. More than 4,000 quarts of whiskey was turned out every eight hours in that plant.

INDEPENDENT FOOTBALL: For the second straight year, Coach Ed Neis' Doylestown Blue Sox captured the independent football title of Bucks County by downing the Brown & White eleven of New Hope, 25 to 7, before 1,000 fans on a muddy Doylestown gridiron. Doylestown's lineup included Cathers, playing for Henry Ullman, who refused to play in this game. The lineup was as follows: Stultz and Cathers, ends; Brown and Dinkelocker, tackles; Kern and Martino, guards; H. Blair, center; Gulick, quarterback; A. Naylor and E. Naylor, halfbacks; Abe Zinn, fullback. NEW HOPE players were Durborrow and Mathews, ends; H. Naylor and Gaynor, tackles; J. Hartman and Vorhees, guards; Lewis, center; Moser, quarterback; R. Hartman and Meehan, halfbacks; Wesver, fullback.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY Hiram H. Keller, who later became president judge of Bucks County courts, gave the Doylestown Kiwanians some first-hand information about FLORIDA in an after-dinner talk at the club meeting. He told Kiwanians about his motor trip to Florida and return with his father and sister and predicted that the boom in Florida would not last more than two or three years.

THE DEER SEASON: Horace Redfield, 22-year-old son of internationally famous artist Edward W. Redfield, of Center Bridge, shot the first deer killed in Bucks County (1925), a four-pronged buck that weighed 300 pounds, one of the most magnificent specimens ever seen in Bucks County. I recall that Redfield was accompanied by his friend, Ollie Erico of Stockton, N.J.. Redfield used a 1903 model of the 30-caliber Springfield rifle.

DOYLESTOWN Fire Company: Doylestown Fire Company had a heated contest for offices at the December (1925) election. For president, Wilson H. Swartley, incumbent, was opposed by W. Carlisle Hobensack. Charlie Miller declined renomination for the office of secretary and James Atkinson was unopposed for that office. Two candidates for

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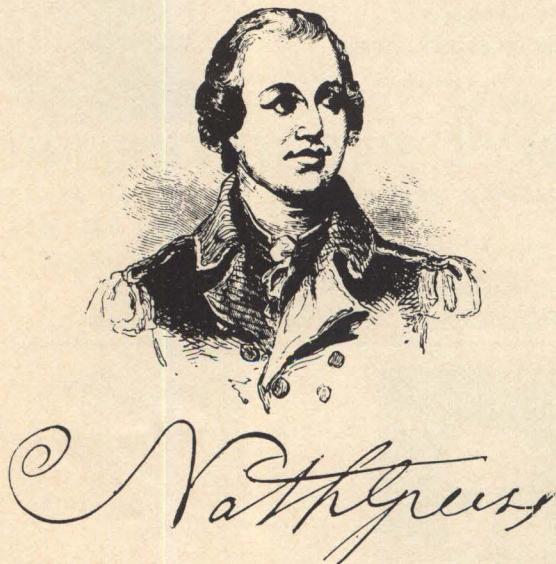
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victory by the end of the year. The answer to the only remaining question, exactly when, was provided by Honeyman and led Washington to write, "Christmas Day, at night, one hour before day is the time fixed upon for the attack on Trenton." The detailed plan for the attack rapidly began to take shape at a series of staff meetings in the quarters of the various generals.



On Christmas Eve General Greene requested that his landlords, the Merricks, visit friends for the evening since he was expecting dinner guests and desired privacy. From all over Upper Makefield and Solebury they came; Washington from the Keith house, General William Alexander (Lord Stirling), Colonel Henry Knox, General Arthur St. Clair, General John Sullivan, Colonel John Glover, General John Stark, General Hugh Mercer; all of the major commanders gathered at the Merrick house for dinner and a final review of the great plan.

A force of about 2,400 men, to be under the personal command of Washington, was selected to make the crossing. The crossing was to be made at McConkey's Ferry, later to be called Taylorsville, and finally Washington Crossing. After crossing, the army, supported by artillery, was to divide into two divisions. John Sullivan was to lead the first division along the river highway while the second, under Nathanael Greene, the Quaker blacksmith, and accompanied by Washington was to initially go inland and then approach Trenton via the Pennington Road. The operation was timed so that the two forces should arrive in Trenton simultaneously before daybreak. (The initial plan called for other forces to cross the river below Trenton and attack from the

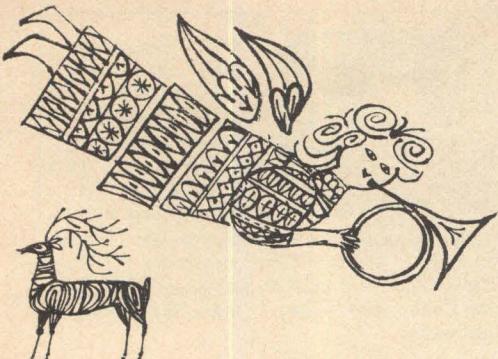
south, but the weather prevented them from completing the crossing.) After the attack the forces were to return to their previous positions by the same routes with General Washington moving to his new headquarters in Newtown.

Christmas Day was quite busy along the Delaware. The boats so carefully hidden behind Malta Island were brought downstream to Lowndes Island, now Taylor's Island, just above the ferry. The troops celebrated the day by cleaning their equipment and preparing a three day supply of cooked rations to carry with them. In the late afternoon the troops who had camped at the greater distances began their march to the rendezvous point at the mouth of Knowles Creek. In December 1776 the Delaware River must have experienced some of the most unusual weather in recorded history. The weather had alternated between extreme cold and warm heavy rains. The river had frozen and the ice had thickened from a skin to a shell, become soggy and pitted under warm rains, and had frozen again. As the troops arrived at the river front, they saw a raging river in full flood, filled with large sheets and chunks of ice that spun and wheeled their way down stream. In the late afternoon the temperature began to drop and the rain that had been falling became mixed with sleet.

The crossing itself was supervised by Henry Knox, the artilleryman. The motley fleet of boats was manned by the men of America's first amphibious forces, the Massachusetts Marblehead Regiment of Colonel John Glover. The crossing itself started at sundown and was scheduled to be completed by midnight. The floating ice and poor visibility, which worsened when the sleet changed to snow, fiercely taxed the skill of the Marbleheaders and it was 3:00 A.M. before the troops and 13 field pieces were safely on the New Jersey shore. The nine mile march to Trenton began and the weather became even more miserable. By dawn the troops were marching through a violent storm of mixed snow, rain, and hail. Many of the troops had no shoes and their feet were wrapped in rags causing observers to remark that the path of the Army could be traced by the bloodstains in the snow. The operation itself, despite the weather and the lost time, was proceeding according to plan.

In Trenton, while all of this was going on, the Hessians were enjoying their Christmas celebration in their own boozy way. Rall himself was attending a party at the home of a wealthy Trenton merchant, Abraham Hunt, who traded with friend and foe. It had been said that Hunt was sometimes suspected of being a Tory, but had never been suspected of being a

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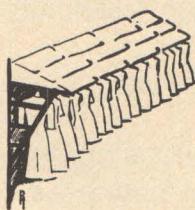


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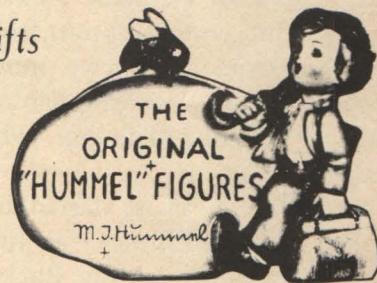
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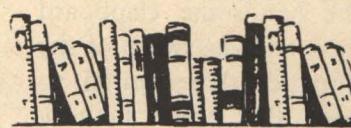
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MAINE IN BUCKS COUNTY?



by Mary Price Lee

In forty-five minutes, our family of five from just outside Philadelphia is in another world. Leaving our California-style ranchhouse in the Montgomery County suburbs, we make a back-roads drive to our Bucks County cottage upriver from Point Pleasant. In that short time we have moved into deer and evergreen country, leaving behind Bell's legacy, the telephone. It's like Maine, or (who needs them?) the Poconos.

Our cottage purchase started innocently enough on the day of the hailstones — in July of '66. It was on that day that we became Bucks County devotees. Driving along the River Road in Lumberville, we were forced to seek cover from this celestial phenomenon. During our temporary incarceration we had ample time to admire the lovely surroundings.

When the Christmas-in-July weather permitted, we continued on our way. The handsome clapboard houses, the country-village look and the sweep of the Delaware had won our allegiance. We wanted to become part of Bucks County. But it was January before we did anything about it.

Telephoning one of the local real estate brokers, we learned that there was little available, period. Our agent had a thought, however. Would we be interested in a cottage deep in the woods and not too far from the river? In our eagerness to be near the Delaware, we said we'd look. This summer home, we soon learned had its own creek at the bottom of a challenging forty-five degree slope.

Have you ever inspected a summer cottage in

mid-January? It's almost as crazy an idea as voluntarily submitting to tax-paying in two counties. We are guilty of both.

The temperature matched the distance from New Hope to the cottage — eleven miles, eleven degrees! As we headed towards Point Pleasant, our friendly agent explained that the cottage was one of five nestled deep in the woods. The retreat was appropriately called "The Ledges" due to the cataclysmic drop.

Our friend pulled to a stop in front of a long wooded driveway. "We have to walk now," he explained, "the snow's too deep to drive in." The driveway was majestic in its winter whiteness. It was also a challenge. Snow crept into our boots as we trudged along a path meant strictly for summer traffic.

A path from the driveway led us through the pungent woods to the cottage. We took an immediate liking to the sturdy simple design of this Maine hunting lodge transplanted to Bucks County.

Inside, the temperature hovered somewhere between our home freezer and an Eskimo's igloo. It was colder indoors than out! (There is no heat and no water in winter so it's strictly a fair-weather abode.)

We investigated the cottage, doing a jig as we went. We took in the neat pine-panelled kitchen, the long living room-dining room with the high peaked ceiling and the two comfortable bedrooms with bath in less than two minutes. "We like it," we chattered, wreaths

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WASHINGTON'S VISIT TO COLONEL RALL.

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Whig. A local Tory, noticing the activity along the river, ran to Hunt's house to notify Colonel Rall. Being denied access to the house by a servant, the informer wrote the information in a note for delivery to Rall. The servant dutifully delivered the note but Rall was about to deal a hand of cards and stuck the note in his pocket reportedly saying, "Business tomorrow."

Greene's division, approaching Trenton on the Pennington Road, was the first to make contact with a Hessian patrol. The time was about 8:00 A.M. and the main body of the garrison was awakening with massive post-Christmas hangovers. Rall himself was either still at cards or had just returned to his quarters. After disposing of the pickets, Greene and Washington advanced toward the village. Sullivan's division, having taken the river road, arrived at the village at the same time as Greene and the surprise was complete. Rall suddenly realized the significance of the note brought to him in the early morning when he heard the rumble of gun carriages and tramp of horses and rushed to the streets to rally his troops.

A Captain Forest and the 19 year old Captain Alexander Hamilton set up batteries at the head of King (Warren) and Queen (Greene) Streets. Captain William Washington, the General's younger brother, and Lieutenant James Monroe led an attack on a Hessian battery that was attempting to organize, dispersed the gunners, and captured the guns. The way was now clear for Forest and Hamilton to rake the streets with grape shot and forestall any Hessian attempt at organization. Musket fire was light, since,

due to the weather, both sides were affected by wet gunpowder, but one shot mortally wounded the frivolous but gallant Rall as he attempted to assemble his forces. The Hessians were in a box: retreat was cut off by the Assanpink Creek that flowed into the Delaware just south of the village. A bayonet charge was ordered and the leaderless Hessians, displaying the spirit typical of the mercenary soldier, dropped their arms and surrendered. About 600 did manage to escape, but 1,000 bewildered Germans suddenly found themselves prisoners of the country clowns.

The American victory was complete. In addition to capturing a large number of prisoners, 25 Hessians were killed and an additional 90 were wounded. No Americans were killed in battle although two had died of the cold during the march. The only officers wounded were the gallant Captain Washington and future president Monroe. The entire action had lasted less than 45 minutes. The jubilant troops cheered the victory and carried their leader around on their shoulders. Following their brief celebration they settled down to a breakfast of Hessian leftovers; the best meal that some of them had enjoyed in weeks! Also most welcome was the discovery of two hogsheads of rum that was rationed to the troops and doubtless made the biting cold a little more bearable.

Strong British forces were in Bordentown and Princeton and would soon be on their way so the victory celebration was necessarily brief. After paying a visit to the dying Rall, Washington gave the marching order and by early afternoon the army,

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Between Friends

by Sheila Martin



December — the joyous month of gift-giving, cold nights and warm fires, holiday dinners, lots of shopping, busyness, and excitement — all culminating in the Day, Christmas. People say that Christmas is for children. True, but a lot of us grown-ups need that special sense of spiritual renewal to carry us through another weary year. Christmas means different things to us as we grow from child to adult; but it does have meaning, and it is for all of us!

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The 18th Annual Toys for Tots Campaign of the Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment, Naval Air Station, Willow Grove is underway and Bucks County locations of the barrels to collect toys are F. W. Woolworth Co., Bustleton and Street Rds., Feasterville; and Neshaminy Mall, Cornwells Heights.

Patterners are needed from the Doylestown area to help four year old Julie Steltz of 247-B East Road in Doylestown Township. Little Julie has a brain injury and volunteers are needed to give her patterning

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These are just a few of the opportunities afforded Bucks County residents to spread some Holiday cheer.

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The Bucks County Association for Retired and Senior Citizens dedicated its Neshaminy Activity Center at 1822 Brownsville Road, Trevose on October 25. The newest of five Centers throughout the County, Neshaminy Center is open to all County residents 55 or older. Activities will include arts and crafts, games, dancing and travel.

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Herman Backlund of Upper Black Eddy has been appointed chairman of the 1970 March of Dimes

campaign. He is responsible for the restoration and opening to the public of the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works under the auspices of the Bucks County Commissioners.

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The Quakertown Jaycees recently presented a collection of 91 paperback books for teenage readers to the Upper County Center of the Bucks County Free Library, Quakertown.

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Peter Hellberg of Chalfont was honored recently on his 80th birthday by a testimonial dinner. Mr. Hellberg has been a community leader for many years as well as running his florist and greenhouse establishment in Chalfont.

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Mrs. Lloyd R. Lawrence has been engaged as Administrator by the Bucks County Historical Society to coordinate the activities of the Museum, the Library, and the Society.

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I want to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years! Again I'll

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financial secretary were Joseph Hart and Horace M. Mann and two for treasurer were George Smith and Franklin Horner. ONE fire was reported for the month of December.

ALL-BUCKS ELEVEN — This Rambler's All Bucks County High School Football Team of 1925 was published as follows: Morrow, Sellersville and R. Pfaff, Quakertown, ends; Luckenbill, Quakertown and Weiss, Sellersville, tackles; Schmoyer, Bristol and Hellerman, Doylestown, guards; Carter, Doylestown, center; Pritchard, Perkasie, quarterback; Black, Bristol and Crouthamel, Perkasie, halfbacks; Gulick Perkasie, fullback.

ONE TO REMEMBER: Not in 20 years was a Doylestown football team so badly beaten as it was on a cold December day in Ambler when the victors engulfed the Doylestown Blue Sox, 44 to 6 on McCann Field to cop the 1925 Bucks-Montgomery Counties independent title. I recall that Ambler scored 31 points in the fourth quarter.

TWO GLASSES of wine and an automobile that shimmied cost one Robert Akins of Morrisville a fine of \$200 and costs in Bucks County criminal court. The fine was imposed by Judge William C. Ryan, who was upset because Akins drove over a fresh concrete street in Morrisville. Akins served overseas 18 months with the 21st Infantry in World War I and his main character witness was his pastor of the Tullytown Christian Church.

A GREAT CORONER: Major John J. Sweeney, prominent Doylestown physician, received his appointment from Governor Gifford Pinchot as Coroner of Bucks County to fill the vacancy left by the death of Coroner Howard P. White. Dr. Sweeney enlisted in World War I in 1917 in the Medical Corps and was assigned to the 320th Infantry, Camp Lee, Virginia. He was promoted to captain and later to major and in May, 1918, was sent to France where he served in the front lines with distinction. His medical kit he carried home from the war and it was often used in action in coroner cases here at home on the occasion of autopsies he performed.

ANNIVERSARY: The 75th anniversary of Doylestown Lodge No. 245, F. & A. M., was observed in the Masonic Temple, East State Street with 285 members and visiting Masons in attendance. The

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of vapor appearing with each word.

"We'll take it!" we called out to our real estate friend, rushing out of the house and into the *warm* January air.

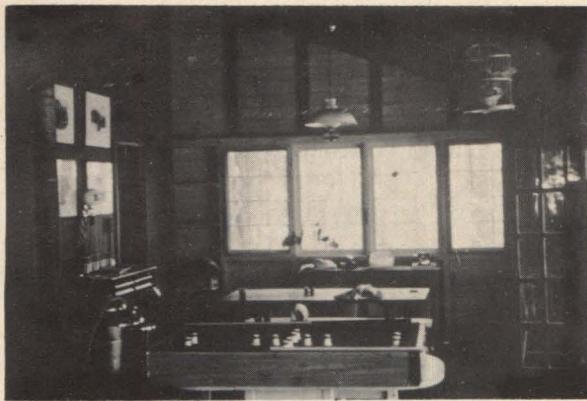
And that was that until May when the whole family went up to take a first tentative look. "The whole family" consists of twelve-year-old Rick, eight-year-old Barbara, and five-year-old Monica. The cottage had gifts for them, too. For Rick, it was the deep mysterious woods to explore. For Babs, the rugged stream with its sliding-board rocks. For nature-loving Monica, snails, lady bugs and acorns to collect.

The previous owners had been antique lovers and their furnishings complemented the rustic scenery. Their affection for the place and for the neighbors was bespoken in a letter urging us to enjoy this undiscovered and unspoiled area.

Our decorating philosophy differing slightly, begins with the axiom, "let there be light." And so we have added great expanses of glass and a roomful of brilliant colors. Next priority is "let there be fun." Under this category falls a pool table and a swing chair extending from the ceiling by a metal chain. (The latter, an idyllic spot to sip a Martini.)

Future plans include an overhaul of the bathroom. We'll leave the classic clawfoot bathtub, but will revel in a dazzling dark blue basin and patriotic red, white and blue wall colors.

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lodge was constituted August 27, 1850. At the 1925 annual meeting, Calvin S. Boyer was elected worshipful master and Russell G. Rutherford, senior warden.

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BASKETBALL: The 1925-26 high school basketball season was opened on the Doylestown Armory floor when Coach Allen Gardy's Doylestown High quintet nosed out Lansdale, 19 to 13. Referee Ben Emory officiated the game and the Doylestown team was composed of G. Hennessy, C. Tucker and J. Tucker, forwards; Bill Polk, center; Carter, Hellerman, Hoffman, and Pearce, guards.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING: You could buy the following for Christmas presents in 1925 at William P. Ely & Son Store, Clinton and Ashland Streets, Doylestown. Imported broadcloth shirts, three for \$6.50; Bonny Knit top coats, \$28.00; Clothcraft serge suits, \$29.50; hats, \$3, \$4 and \$5; neckware, 75 cents up to \$2.00.

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THE CHRISTMAS community service in Doylestown (1925) was one of the greatest community affairs ever staged in the County Seat. Johnny Naegele served as SANTA and the service club members assisted in handing out candy and fruit to 675 children in Monument Square. A prayer was offered by the Rev. Wiley R. Deal, Baptist clergyman.

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WILLOW GROVE KIWANIS: Over 100 Kiwanians attended a dinner meeting at Mineral Springs Inn, Willow Grove, when the Kiwanis Club of Doylestown organized the Willow Grove club which later became the Old York Road Kiwanis Club. Temporary officers elected were Irvin Slight, president; William Edmundson, vice president; Ralph R. Smith, secretary; Rudolf Walther, treasurer.

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"With all the color and gaiety it's like an immense Christmas card, and the children love it."

For some people the New Hope plantation is an

all-day drive; but there's plenty of parking and nearby motels for those who want to stay over, and you'd be surprised how many do. If the crisp air and all the walking gives you an appetite, there's a convenient chuck wagon right on the grounds.

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THE SPIRIT OF '76

by Samuel Mc Conkey

One of the authentic heroes of Washington's Crossing of the Delaware on Christmas night 1776 was Colonel John Glover, commander of the 19th Massachusetts Regiment, better known as the Marbleheaders. The Marbleheaders, under Glover's inspired leadership, manned the boats used to ferry the troops across the river on that historic night. On January 1, 1777 General Washington wrote about Col. Glover in a letter to Robert Morris. Through the generosity of some present day Marbleheaders, Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Knight, this letter, framed and flanked by portraits of Gen. Washington and Col. Glover, now hangs in the Washington Crossing Library of the American Revolution in the Memorial Building at Washington Crossing State Park.

Mr. Knight presented the letter to Mrs. Anne Hawkes Hutton, Chairman of the Board of the Washington Crossing Foundation, and Mrs. Frederick Banks, President of the Washington Crossing Library Associates at a joint meeting of the two organizations on October 18, 1969. Mr. Knight, a trustee of the Washington Crossing Foundation, is an authority on the life of Col. John Glover in addition to being a trustee and honorary curator of the Peabody Museum in Salem, Massachusetts. In summarizing the life of John Glover and the history of the Marbleheaders, Mr. Knight pointed out that while Glover's men were soldiers, almost all had a background as seamen or fisherman and were equally at home on land or sea; earning the sobriquet "the web footed soldiers."

The presentation was marred only by a lack of objectivity. Characteristically, New Englanders do not view the events of the Revolutionary War with the same objective detachment as do Bucks Countians and other Pennsylvanians. It is obvious that the most significant single event in the War for Independence was the departure of Washington's Army from Mc Conkey's Ferry, Bucks County, to participate in a minor skirmish somewhere in New Jersey. In Mr. Knight's partisan view Washington's crossing of the Delaware was merely an opportunity for John Glover to again exhibit his superhuman qualities and save the nation as he did when he evacuated the Continental

Army from Long Island to Manhattan. In another sally from objectivity Mr. Knight even intimated that the United States Navy might have had some roots in Marblehead with the participation, naturally, of John Glover. Pennsylvanians know this to be completely false since the United States Navy was founded in Philadelphia.

In the next few years, as we approach the Bicentennial of the Revolution, Bucks Countians should take unto themselves the responsibility for enlightening the public concerning the facts associated with our struggle for independence and not leave them at the mercy of partisan New Englanders with their gross distortions. The just claim of Philadelphia to be the seat of the Bicentennial Celebration may be denied through Bostonian trickery, deceit, and hanky panky in high places, but the true Spirit of 1976, as was the true Spirit of 1776, will be found only in the hearts and words of honest Pennsylvanians.



(CALENDAR cont. from page 3)

1 - 30 SELLERSVILLE — Walter Baum Galleries features an art show with artists who worked in Bucks County. Hours Daily and Sunday 1 to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

1 - 6 WARMINSTER — Fischer and Porter, County Line Rd., Art Show Children and Adults, YWCA of Bucks County, Head Start Program. Monday thru Friday 8 to 4 p.m.

5 YARDLEY — Flower Show at the Community Center, Maine St. Theme: Christmas Greens, sponsored by the Martha Washington Garden Club. Open 2:30 to 9 p.m.

5 NEWTOWN — Carol and Candlelight Procession in Colonial Costume. 7 p.m.

6 NEWTOWN — 7th Annual Historic "Christmas Open House Tour" in Colonial Newtown, 1 to 8 p.m.

6 WASHINGTON CROSSING — 3rd Annual National Awards, Albert W. Hawkes Patriotic Essay Awards Ceremony. Memorial Building, 2 p.m.

6 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Publication Day — "How to Survive as a Prisoner of War" by Capt. Samuel A. Newman U.S.N.R. (ret.) Reception at Memorial Building 3 to 5 p.m.

7 WARMINSTER — Warminster Choristers present their annual Holiday Concert, Log College Jr. H. S. Auditorium, Norristown Road. 4 p.m. Tickets. *(continued on page 31)*

BOOKS IN REVIEW

**N E E D L E P O I N T I N
A M E R I C A**, by Hope Hanby, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. 1969. 160 pp. \$8.95.

For all the ladies with nimble fingers and artistic talents, Hope Hanby's book on Needlepoint is enjoyable and informative reading. She traces the origin of American needlepoint chiefly from the English of the 16th and 17th centuries to the present day trend.

During the 14th century the usage of embroidery changed in Europe from ecclesiastic to royal. It was used for most everything, clothes, horse-trappings and house furnishings, such as stools and bed-hangings. The designs were pictorial. In the 17th century allegorical and biblical pictures for use on toilet boxes and letter boxes were used.

With the colonization of America, Europe was still the main source of supply for materials. The Americans adopted only what was

practical at first, and only until the 19th century did they have an abundance of material to work with.

The 19th century brought a marked change in the general style of needlepoint. This was the century of following the fad. The craze started with beaded and knit purses, then the rage that was called "Berlin Work" was introduced. This lasted for over half a century and created in itself quite an industry.

Needlepoint did not become a lost art, it just for awhile became a submerged art. By the late 1930's the style in needlepoint had changed to F.I.B. that is, fill in the background. The "executive" part of the canvas was worked by the nimble European or Chinese fingers.

Diagrams and directions for many long forgotten old stitches are given in the final chapter of the book.

Myrtle Vincent



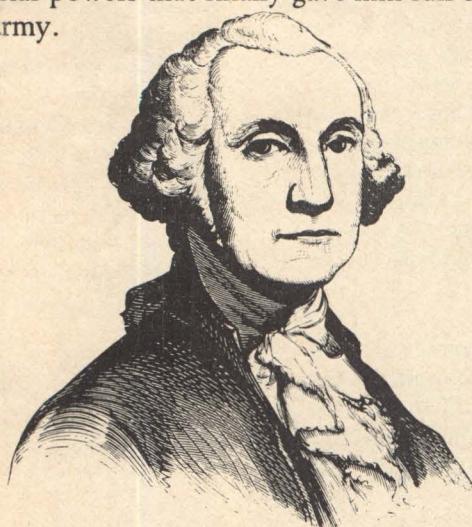
(A CHRISTMAS PRESENT cont. from page 19)

1,000 prisoners, and, according to the inventory of Deputy Quartermaster General Clement Biddle, "arms, six brass field pieces, standards of colors, swords, and cartouch (cartridge) boxed," were headed back up the river. While the weather was no better than it had been on the way to Trenton, the flush of victory lightened the hearts and made the long march seem like a short stroll on a spring day. The river had become more dangerous, but Glover's Marbleheaders were more than equal to the task and the entire procession was back in Pennsylvania by midnight. Word of the victory had reached Philadelphia and on the night of the 26th the city was in an uproar with the patriots replacing the Tories as the celebrants.

Arriving back in Bucks County, Washington retired to his new headquarters, the house of John Harris in Newtown, where he wrote the first letter containing good news that he had ever sent to Congress.

"I have the pleasure of congratulating you on the success of an enterprise which I had formed against a detachment of the enemy lying at Trenton which was executed yesterday morning."

Congress, in return voted Washington almost dictatorial powers that finally gave him full command of his army.



For three days Newtown found its place in American history while serving as the nerve center of the American Revolution. The 1,000 enlisted Hessian prisoners were staged through Newtown, spending a night quartered in the jail and the Presbyterian Church, before being marched to a prison camp in Lancaster. The procession traveled via Philadelphia where they were paraded through the streets as an example to the Tories. The officers, in the custom of the day where "Officer and a gentleman" had especial significance, were treated most courteously and were

quartered in the inns and hotels of Newtown. Washington himself entertained four of his prisoners at dinner on the night of the 28th while the remainder, about 20 in number, enjoyed the hospitality of the Brick Hotel as the guests of Lord Stirling. The three days in Newtown were busy days for the Commander-in-Chief. He had to plan his next campaign and, more importantly, he had to plan to hold his army together so that he could fight his next campaign. With victory, and the promise of a 10 dollar bounty, most of the army signed on for an additional six weeks. The 10 dollars was easy to promise but most difficult to pay. It was only through the tender of a personal note by Robert Morris that the near-bankrupt treasury could make good its pledge.

On December 29th Washington sent Congress a letter outlining his plans for a second adventure in New Jersey and on the 30th, after releasing the Hessian officers on a parole of honor, left Newtown. The army crossed a much calmer river below Trenton,



W^m Alexander

and, after skillfully outmaneuvering the replenished Trenton garrison on January 2, 1777, delivered Cornwallis a smashing defeat at Princeton on January 3rd, and retired to winter quarters at Morristown.

One historian has stated that the Battle of Trenton was the hinge on which the American cause turned. The victory had shattered the myth of Hessian invincibility and the Continentals no longer feared the well-disciplined but spiritless Germans. More significantly, Americans, soldier and civilian alike, became convinced that victory was possible and that the cause of Independence was not lost. This was the new Nation's first Christmas present. Trenton was not the last battle of the war; five long years of war and many bitter defeats lay ahead, but even during the long cold winter at Valley Forge, the cause was never to look as hopeless as it did before:

"On Christmas Day in '76
Our gallant troops with bayonets fixed
to Trenton marched away."

(POLISH CHRISTMAS cont. from page 7)

with poppy seed mixture and roll like jelly roll, sealing all edges. Place in baking pan and let rise until double in bulk. Bake for 45 minutes in 350 degree oven.

POPPY SEED FILLING

1 cup ground poppy seed	1 egg
3/4 cup milk	1 tsp. vanilla

1/2 cup sugar or 1/3 cup honey

Bring milk to a boiling point and add poppy seed. Cook for about 5 minutes, stirring carefully, until milk is absorbed. Add sugar or honey. Beat egg thoroughly. Mix 1 tbsp. of hot poppy seed with egg and pour into cooked poppy seed. Stir until thick. Add vanilla. Must be thoroughly cooled before using.



(BETWEEN FRIENDS cont. from page 21)

share with you a Christmas poem written by my father, Thomas Walsh.

THE PROPHECY

*Deep in the stillness of the night they sat
By the crude cot where lay their newborn
son,
Joyful yet calm and filled with wonder that
To them had come this quiet little one.*

*The man with pride looked down on him and
spake:*

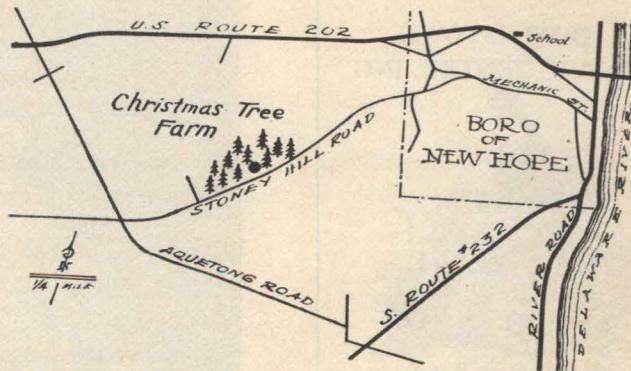
*"Our boy will grow in wisdom from the
start,
And for his gentle ways, and God's dear sake,
The world will love and take him to its
heart.*

*For he will bid all men to serve the Lord,
To walk in righteous ways, by Heaven's
grace,
And they will free their souls of evils stored
When moved by the compassion in his
face...*

*But why now, tell me, woman, dost thou
weep?"
Said Mary, gently, "Hush! the child doth sleep."*

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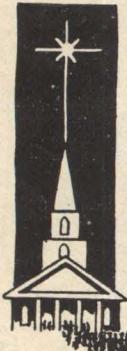
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well until the steers reached Mom's wash pole. One went on each side, taking the pole and the wash along with them. Well, I can tell you it took some doing to get those steers untangled, and Mom wasn't too happy about the situation, either."



George Wiley was not always a producing artist. When he was ten years old, his father died and young George became the family wage earner. At fifteen he was a veteran well driller for his uncle, the late John Wiley of Warrington. But the thread of creativity has always been evident running through the fabric of his being. He needs only the challenge of making something work better, and his mind and fingers are busy exploring new ways and devices. George has three patents to his credit, but his pet remark is "I can make most anything but I couldn't sell a wheelbarrow."

He is a member of the Bucks County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen and the Doylestown Art League.

Although he has several technical certificates for advanced courses, he has no high school diploma. This has closed doors to job opportunities and has given George some sadness, but perhaps it has also given him the incentive to be creative.

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(CALENDAR cont. from page 27)

13 NEW HOPE — Pro Musica Society presents its Holiday Concert featuring James Morris, noted Basso. Central Bucks East H. S., Holicong. 8:30 Tickets \$3.50 and \$4.50. Limited number of high school tickets at \$1.50 Mrs. Frank Chesterman, Solebury, Pa., 297-5005 for tickets.

13 DOYLESTOWN — Auditorium, James Lorah House, North Broad St. Puppet Show, "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer", 2 p.m. Tickets: 50 cents per person.

13 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Boy Scout and Girl Scout Nature and Conservation Instruction. All Day.

14 NEWTOWN — Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra presents a Holiday Program at the Bucks County Community College, 3 p.m. Tickets and information call 215-945-2661.

14 FALLSINGTON — Community Tree Lighting and Carol Sing, Meetinghouse Square. Starts at All Saints Episcopal Church at 7 p.m.

14-31 FALLSINGTON — Candlelight Display in 18th Century Colonial Homes, Meetinghouse Square.

25 CHRISTMAS DAY — MERRY CHRISTMAS

25 WASHINGTON CROSSING — 193rd Anniversary of Washington Crossing the Delaware. The Annual Reenactment "Washington Crossing the Delaware," Washington Crossing State Park, Memorial Building Hall at 2 p.m.

29,30,31 NEW HOPE — Bucks County Playhouse Children's Theatre, Holiday Special for the entire family, "Babes in Toyland," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets \$1.50. Phone: 862-2022 and 862-2041.

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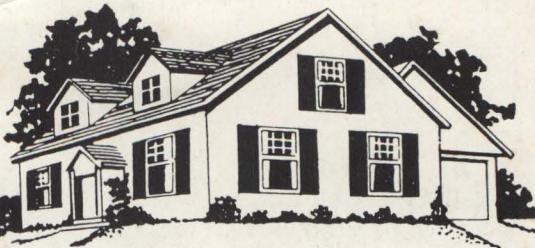


Arthur Edwin Bye by Ranulph Bye

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that *Panorama* notes the death on November 4 of Dr. Arthur E. Bye. Dr. Bye has been a contributing editor to *Panorama* and his beautifully written and well-researched articles reflected his love for Bucks County, the home of the Byes since the time of William Penn.

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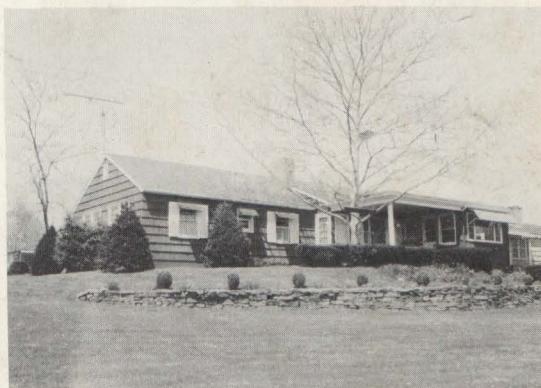


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